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 Title : **HYDRO FILL CONTROLLING SHIELD AND SLEEVE FOR A HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING**  
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In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated June 27, 2006, Applicants submit herewith the Part B – Fees Transmittal Form, PTOL-85, Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance, a check in the amount of \$1700.00 in payment of the issue fee and publication fee; and return receipt postcard.

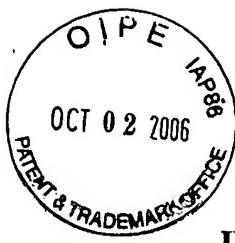
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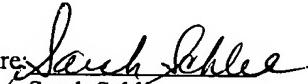
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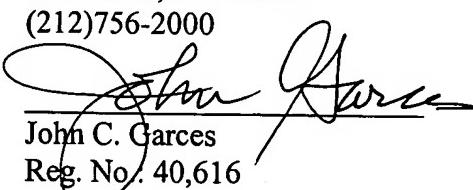
**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

The Applicant submits that the invention set forth in each of the claims is patentable for reasons set forth in the specification of the present application as well as for all of the reasons set forth in the remarks submitted during prosecution of this Application.

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